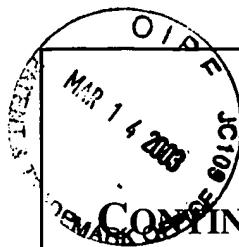


RECEIVED

MAR 19 2003



TECHNOLOGY CENTER R3700
**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

BOX RCE

Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	09/674,643
Confirmation Number	8866
Filing Date	November 2, 2000
First Named Inventor	Vojin JEREMIJEVIC
Group Art Unit	3763
Examiner Name	Roz Ghafoorian
Matter Number	Q61622
Title	DEVICE FOR PROTECTING AND NEUTRALIZING A NEEDLE FOR MEDICAL USE

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a. Previously submitted

i. Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on _____

ii. Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____

iii. Other _____

b. Enclosed

i. Amendment/Reply

ii. Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)

iii. Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)

iv. Petition for Extension of Time

v. Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

a. Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of _____ months

b. Other _____

3. FEES

A check for the RCE statutory fee of \$375.00 is attached. The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is attached.

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY

Name John M. Bird Registration No. 46,027
Signature John M. Bird Date March 14, 2003